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The information on finances of the Rumanian Communist Party given below is believed to be generally applicable to its successor, the Rumanian Workers Party. Certain sources of Party funds, such as the Rumanian Armistice Commission, are no longer available.

1. Each member of the Party is assessed two percent of his salary or income as dues. Members are likewise "invited" by the treasurers of their cells to make additional contributions monthly.
2. The Party has organized export-import companies in the names of Party members. Such companies are given a virtual monopoly in handling all types of commodities for which special permits are required.
3. Members of the Party engage in illegal transactions and black market operations for the benefit of the Party. Among those who have participated in such operations are Emil Bodnăraș, Minister of National Defense; Ana Pauker, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Teohari Georgescu, Minister of Interior.
4. Contributions to the Party treasury and transfers of ownership of corporations to the Party are forced by threats of physical violence, blackmail and the use of economic pressure. In October 1947 Ionel Rudberg, principal owner of the Scaeni glass plant, was arrested on charges of economic sabotage. After his trial and conviction but before sentence, Rudberg was informed that the transfer of 51 percent of the stock to the Party would secure his release. Rudberg agreed and was immediately liberated. During the same month one of the Weissman brothers, owners of the Apertura rayon plant, was arrested on a similar charge. He refused to convey 51 percent of the company's stock to the Party and was sentenced to prison. A short time thereafter his brother induced him to agree to such a transfer but in early 1948 he had not been liberated, having merely been promised that his sentence would be reversed on appeal.
5. During the period of the Armistice large sums were given the Party by Simion Oeriu, head of the Rumanian Armistice Commission, with the knowledge and approval of General Ivan Susaikov, head of the Soviet section of the Allied Control Commission for Rumania. Oeriu likewise supplied the Party with large quantities of food, clothing, and footwear, which were charged off as delivered to the Soviet occupation forces.

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